

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
February 5, 2008
Minutes

I. Roll Call: Chancellor, Goldenberg, Inouye, Jackle, Provencher, Urashima
Absent: Arredondo, Black
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Lt. Tidrick
Bridges Liaison: Don Han
OCHRC: Iliana Welty

II Welcoming Remarks:

Chancellor started the meeting welcoming Iliana Welty from Orange County Human Relations Council (OCHRC) who was scheduled for an item later in the evening. Chancellor also reported that Michael Robinson, a new member to the Task Force, had resigned due to unforeseen personal issues.

III Public Comment: NONE

IV Approval of Minutes:

*Moved: Jackle; Second: Inouye: To approve December 2007 minutes as submitted:
Approved: 5, No: 0; Abstain: Urashima, Absent: 2 (Arredondo, Black)*

*Moved: Jackle; Second: Inouye: To approve January 2008 minutes with corrections:
Approved: 3, No: 0; Abstain: (Inouye, Urashima), Absent: 2 (Arredondo, Black)*

V. Special Presentations:

Iliana Welty made a presentation on the Parents Leadership Institute Program of the OCHRC. She passed out a handout describing the program and went on to talk about it. It is especially for language minority parents of school age children who want to be involved in their school and district decisions.

The program began in 1998 and has been implemented at Stacey and Oak View schools. OCHRC considers the program to be one of their most well-developed programs. She proposed the program for HBHS where there are 160 English learners attending. According to information obtained by OCHRC, the PTSA wants the involvement of Spanish speaking parents but doesn't know how to go about getting it. There are more than 35 parents who would like to become involved. The HB High School Community Liaison could provide assistance in implementing the program.

The program would cost around \$4,000 and take at least six weeks after preplanning. Discussion took place regarding whether the program was best utilized at the high school or middle school levels. Funding would be provided as part of the city's annual budget. Chair Chancellor indicated that he would set up a meeting with the HB High principal and OCHRC to review the issues and return to the Task Force with further information.

VI Status Reports:

1. HBHRTF Account Balance and Master Calendar Review:

Kuhnke reported the following and passed out an updated calendar.

HBReads Balance	\$2037.00
HBHTRF Balance	\$3291.64
Total	\$5324.64

2. Hate Crimes and Incidents Updates, discussion, follow-up

Officer Tidrick reported that for 2007 the final number of hate crimes is seven. He said that as of today there is nothing to report.

VII Program Updates, Activities and discussion;

1. HBHS Model School Program: Don Han passed out a handout and presented an update. January is Poverty Awareness Week and all of the clubs at HBHS met to raise the issues. As of December 2007, 38 families were homeless at HBHS. The Model School Program wants to become involved in this community project by possibly participating at Collett Home, a shelter for homeless youth in Huntington Beach.

2. The HBHRTF Education Committee met. The district wide Day of Dialogue is scheduled for March 11. The second Museum of Tolerance Grant sent Marina High School to the museum last month. Marina students will present a presentation next month.

3. Federal Diversity Months: Chancellor and Kuhnke passed out a detailed report on diversity month. The report included the history of each month and its status. The HBHRTF has already included 7 months and will consider the others at future meetings. Due to the absence of several members, the report will be presented again at the March meeting for final review.

4. OCHRC: Inouye reported that he will present the OCHRC annual report to the City Council on February 19, 2008. Inouye will also present a certificate to the City Council. Chancellor will present the HB Hate Crimes Report on the same day.

5. Friends of the HBHRTF Activities: Jackle told of the successful Friends Dinner last week. Fourteen people attended and all were interested in **Three Cups of Tea**. Gail Chancellor provided Paklava for everyone's dessert. She reminded everyone that a book discussion is planned for next Tuesday at the Central library at 7PM.

6. HB Reads Community Event. Provencher gave an update of the plans for February 21, 2008, when Greg Mortenson will be in Huntington Beach. At 10:30 a.m. he will talk to students from each of the district high schools who have read his book. At 3:00 p.m. there is a private reception. In the evening Greg will speak to the community at the HB High School gym. A handout was provided. Everyone was reminded to attend. Urashima announced that the Kiwanis were following up the event with a blanket collection for Afghanistan. Blankets, soft toys and school supplies are being collected

and will be packaged at an event February 23, 2008. The Kiwanis were a major donor for the HBReads program.

VIII New Business:

1. Appointment of a Nominating Committee: Chancellor reminded the HBHRTF that the election of officers will take place next month. Inouye will chair with Black and Jackle members to meet during the month. They will report back in March. Elections will take place in March. Nominations are also allowed from the floor prior to the election.

IX Adjournment to March 4, 2008.